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PLACEMENTS UP 1%

For the week ending April 12, 2008, growers placed 12.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 1.4% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 2.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending April 05, 2008 compared to 10.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/16/2008	13,964	14,246	11,182	11,973	11,185	12,081
02/23/2008	13,901	14,152	10,762	12,024	10,762	12,132
03/01/2008	14,158	14,315	11,372	11,810	11,375	11,809
03/08/2008	14,243	14,098	11,379	11,788	11,428	11,788
03/15/2008	14,198	14,296	11,355	11,713	11,355	11,821
03/22/2008	14,193	14,058	11,459	11,916	11,754	12,024
03/29/2008	14,291	14,274	11,641	11,761	11,744	11,976
* 04/05/2008	14,380	14,459	11,647	12,097	11,840	12,396
04/12/2008	14,499	14,077	11,715	11,882	11,948	12,099

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.  
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.  
\* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	04/19/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	74.76	74.60	78.65	75.10
12-City Composite 2/	78.78	77.86	79.87	78.73

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.  
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,195	32,300	*31,727	32,323	*32,574	31,927
AR	28,124	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530	27,136
DE	3,969	3,960	3,957	4,065	*4,090	4,027
FL	1,418	1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413
GA	35,088	35,245	*34,426	34,663	*34,911	34,137
KY	*7,897	*7,959	*7,718	8,127	*7,909	7,902
LA	3,893	3,847	*3,712	3,984	3,937	3,712
MD	8,904	9,097	8,831	8,939	*9,106	8,779
MS	18,865	19,031	*19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242
NC	19,995	20,190	*20,233	20,119	20,312	20,370
OK	6,508	*6,455	6,497	6,135	*6,368	6,580
PA	4,130	4,457	4,294	*4,290	*4,265	4,358
SC	5,585	5,765	*5,726	5,436	5,501	5,611
TX	16,006	15,686	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574
VA	6,413	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,347	19,567	19,743	*19,890	*20,145	20,281
19 State Total	*219,337	*219,153	*216,674	*216,373	*217,939	217,465
Previous Year Total	215,053	215,611	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	100	100	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*21,140	21,768	21,579	22,103	*21,853	21,317
AR	*24,210	*26,218	*23,727	*23,655	*23,889	23,223
DE	4,939	5,058	5,191	5,203	*4,902	4,804
FL	1,459	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333
GA	30,115	29,386	29,748	28,943	*28,899	28,216
KY	5,508	6,271	*6,165	*5,929	*6,229	6,316
LA	3,897	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726
MD	6,403	5,836	5,989	5,561	*6,917	6,095
MS	17,056	17,438	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375
NC	16,694	16,147	16,344	16,196	16,072	16,658
OK	5,086	*3,605	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632
PA	3,317	3,077	3,240	*3,215	*3,435	3,362
SC	3,987	4,646	4,438	4,877	*5,159	4,776
TX	13,320	13,444	13,719	13,573	*13,109	13,010
VA	4,818	5,021	5,149	5,448	*5,069	5,720
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,849	17,503	18,701	18,306	*17,862	17,031
19 State Total	*179,798	*180,426	*181,098	180,267	*180,914	178,594
Previous Year Total	174,701	174,791	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	102	102	101

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 12, 2008 were 2.68 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.